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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Queries Concerning Arrangements for DCI's
 Appearance before CIA Subcommittee on
 6 January 1958

1. Captain Mott of General Twining's office called at about 8 p.m., 27 December, to raise the possibility of General Twining and one or two staff officers sitting in with the Director as observers at the 6 January hearing, with the thought that in connection with General Twining's annual posture briefing he could be better prepared to present the Russian capabilities. While I did not query Captain Mott directly, I gained the inference that Mr. Smart had informed him of our 6 January appearance. At that time I explained that Mr. Dulles was away but I would take it up with General Cabell.

2. On 30 December I mentioned this to General Cabell and he felt that the Director would have no objection to General Twining personally sitting in as an observer. However, he felt that if other persons were present the matter should be cleared with the Director.

3. The substance of this was relayed to Captain Mott. A few hours later Captain Mott called back and stated that Secretary McElroy planned to have lunch with Carl Vinson on Friday, 3 January, and would like very much to have Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency agreed on this type of cooperation before the matter is broached to Chairman Vinson. In fact, Captain Mott put this on the basis that it was possible General Twining could in effect carry part of the Agency's burden with the full Committee since the Director had had some concern about appearing before the

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full Committee. This was related to General Cabell, who felt at this point we should call the Director. The matter was explained to the Director and he evidenced some concern. Finally, he agreed that we should inform Department of Defense that this was a matter to be determined by the Subcommittee, but that we would have no objection since this was a position he had taken with the Johnson Subcommittee. However, he wanted it made clear that this was not to be construed as a precedent and that the nature of this Subcommittee should be made known to Defense, i. e., this was not an intelligence subcommittee but was a CIA Subcommittee and he intended to take up specific CIA activities in addition to a general briefing, and that these matters should be presented without representatives of Defense present. It was further the Director's desire that appearances before the CIA Subcommittee be kept on as informal a basis as they had in the past. The Director also requested that we contact Mr. Smart on this general subject.

4. Mr. Smart was contacted and he professed no knowledge of this proposal by Defense. However, he felt there might be some good arguments against it and stated that if we could give him some off-the-record guidance he thought he could handle it either way. Mr. Smart further stated that he was holding open 11 a.m. on both 6 January and 10 January for Mr. Dulles to appear. I explained that my impression and the Director's was that there had been no firm arrangement for the Director to appear on the 10th. Mr. Smart said that he would like to keep the time open until he, Smart, was overruled by the Chairman. All of this was related to General Cabell and it was agreed that he would call Secretary Quarles and I would call Captain Mott. Captain Mott was called and informed of our position that this was a matter for the Subcommittee to decide, that we had no objection, that this was a CIA Subcommittee, that we would have CIA matters to discuss where representatives of Defense should not be present, that the Director wished to keep these hearings informal, and that we did not wish this to establish a precedent.

5. General Cabell indicated on 31 December that he had just talked to Secretary Quarles and informed him of the position as stated above. He stated Secretary Quarles very much thought that General Twining should be present since at the annual briefing by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs there was presented a comparative statement of our forces relative to the capability of Russia. In fact, Secretary Quarles thought that the Director should review this paper prepared in the Joint Staff prior to the Director's appearance.

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